



Facts About **Public Schools in Missouri**

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Statistics About Public Schools

2002-2003 School Year Data, Unless Noted Otherwise

■ Public School Enrollment, K-12	893,575
■ Private School Enrollment, K-12	95,863
■ Average Daily Attendance Rate (K-12)	93.7%
■ Number of Public School Districts	524
• Elementary Schools	1,270
• Middle Schools	289
• Junior High Schools	52
• High Schools	573
• Total Number of Public School Buildings	2,184
■ Current Accreditation (MSIP) Status of School Districts (Jan. 2004)	
• Accredited	505
• Provisionally Accredited	18
• Unaccredited	1
	TOTAL
■ Graduation Rate of Public High School Students	84.2%
■ Annual Dropout Rate, State Average (9-12)	3.38%
■ Number of Public High School Graduates	56,477
■ Percentage of 2002 Public High School Graduates Entering a 2- or 4-Year College in the Fall of 2002	64.9%
■ Percentage of 2002 Public High School Graduates Entering Technical School in the Fall of 2002	4.1%

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Web Site (<http://dese.mo.gov>)

■ Student/Classroom Teacher Ratio 18/1

■ Student/Administrator Ratio 205/1

■ Number of Teachers, K-12 66,214

- **National** Average Classroom Teacher Salary \$45,930
- **Missouri** Average Total Teacher Salary \$39,293
- Missouri's Estimated National Rank 34th

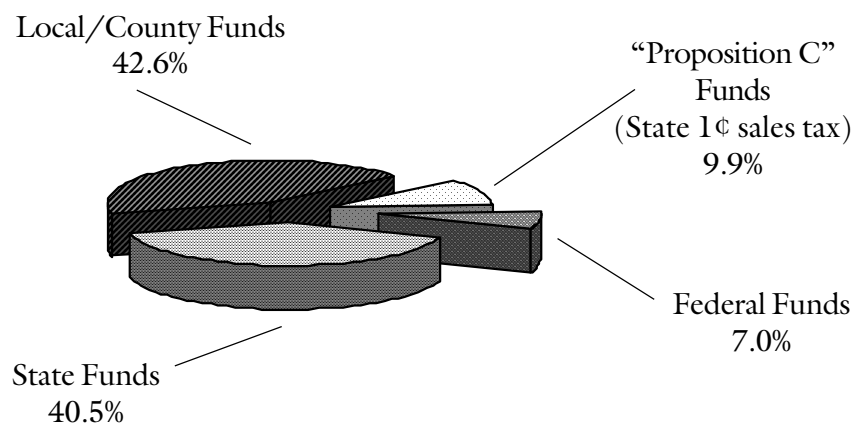
■ Average Years of Teaching Experience 14

■ Percent of Teachers with Master's Degrees and Above 51.08%

■ Current Expenditures Per Pupil (in Average Daily Attendance)

- National Average (estimate) \$7,829
- State Average \$7,345
- Missouri's Estimated National Rank 38th

■ Sources of Current Revenue for Schools



■ Average School Tax Levy

- Total \$4.00
- Operating Funds \$3.45
- Debt Service Fund 0.55

Local school district statistics are available on DESE's Web site
(<http://dese.mo.gov/schooldata>).

■ College Entrance
Examination Scores
(Composite)

ACT	Missouri	National
2002-03	21.4	20.8
2001-02	21.5	20.8
2000-01	21.4	21.0
1999-00	21.6	21.0
1998-99	21.6	21.0
1997-98	21.5	21.0
1996-97	21.5	21.0
1995-96	21.4	20.9
1994-95	21.3	20.8

SAT	Missouri	National
2002-03	1,165	1,026
2001-02	1,154	1,020
2000-01	1,154	1,020
1999-00	1,149	1,019
1998-99	1,144	1,016
1997-98	1,143	1,017
1996-97	1,135	1,016
1995-96	1,139	1,013
1994-95	1,045	910

SOURCES:

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Estimates Update* (Fall 2003),
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